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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
GABRIELE STOCCHI : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION  
SERIAL NO: 10/530,059 :  
FILED: APRIL 4, 2005 :  
FOR: FILLING VALVE FOR THE :  
ASEPTIC FILLING OF :  
ALIMENTARY LIQUIDS :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.